



KANEOHE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 30

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2006 WINDWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE AKOAKOA HALE

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Zdvoracek called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. A quorum was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Karasaki, Clyde B. Morita, Patty Yamashiro-Hironaka, Niko Koga, John R. Sabas, Felipe San Nicolas, Roy S. Yanagihara, Paul M. Friel, John M. Flanigan, Elizabeth Gaisthia, L.C. Morris, Larry Zdvoracek.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Wendell Lum, Glenn Ida, Bill Sager.

GUESTS: Wanda Mae Iseke, Howard and Charlotte Manthei, Jessie M. Helsham, Geranld and Royce Noda, Janice Lai, Tammy Rodriguez (HCDCH), Rick Pilién (Boy Scouts Troop 529), David Cramer, Mel Pilién, Captain Robert Methereed (Honolulu Fire Department, Kaneohe Station), Lt. Robert Robinson (Honolulu Police Department, District 4), Correy Lau, Peter Cooper, Liane Ashikawa (U.S. Ed Case's Office), Senator Bob Hogue, Kullen Hoseka, Coty Hirakawa, Jessica McDunn (HPU), Venus Acoba (Councilmember Barbara Marshall's Office), Nola J. Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

FILLING OF VACANCIES, SUBDISTRICT'S 1 AND 11 – There were no interested person present to fill the vacancies.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 2006 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Flanigan moved and seconded by Morris to accept the April 2006 regular meeting minutes as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 2006 AGENDA PLANNING AND COMMITTEES' MEETING MINUTES – Deferred.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Gaisthia reported expenditures in the Operating Account for March 2006 was \$34.97, leaving a balance of \$1,244.35; no expenditures in the Publicity Account leaving a balance of \$2,367.00; and no expenditures in the Refreshment Account leaving a balance of \$120.00. The treasurer's report will be filed subject to audit.

Sabas arrived during the above portion of the meeting (13 members present).

PUBLIC INPUT & RESIDENTS' CONCERNS:

Drivers Using Residential Street (corner of Makalani and Ihilani Streets) for U-Turns – Resident Jessie Helsham, who resides on the corner of Makalani and Ihilani Streets expressed safety concerns relative to drivers turning onto her street from Kaneohe Drive to make u-turns three to four houses into the area. She stated no u-turns are permitted on Kaneohe Drive. She requested some type of device, be it a roundabout or traffic calming to slow the cars or deter them from making u-turns in the neighborhood. The drivers cause hazardous conditions for the safety of the children. Her street is located across from Castle High School, and these u-turns are a safety factor to the students of the school. Daily from 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. trucks, vans, limousines, motorcycles, and mopeds utilize this area for u-turns. This intersection is very dangerous that experienced a near fatality last year.

Lt. Robinson, of HPD, replied that patrol officers have issued many citations in that area and continue to do so. He suggested contacting a traffic engineer for advice. It was noted that u-turns are legal, but u-turns cannot be made on roadways with more than two lanes. HPD will continue to monitor the area for violations.



Discussion followed:

- 1) Flanigan asked if it were possible to have a u-turn area on Kaneohe Drive. Lt. Robinson a simple solution would be to install raised curbs.
- 2) Yanagihara suggested Helsham fill out a Mayor's concern form, and to speak with Councilmember Barbara Marshall's aide regarding the issue.

Jessie M. Helsham was thanked for attending the meeting.

Kulana Nani Installation of Clotheslines – Tammy Rodriguez, of the Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawaii, reported the clotheslines would be installed in phases and is soon to start. She noted a total of 72 residents would be accommodated.

Questions, answers and comments: Yanagihara provided background of the project, which was due to the efforts of Board member Wendell Lum who got the process moving two-years ago. Rodriguez mentioned the previous clotheslines were removed during renovations and never reinstalled.

Tammy Rodriguez was thanked for her report.

Former Care Home in Residential Neighborhood Sold and will be Converted to a Dual Diagnosis Treatment Center: Resident David Cramer expressed concern that the former care home, next to his property on Kahea Street was sold and bought by a corporation that plans to use it as a drug and psychiatric hospital. His concerns are how many people would be living at the facility, what kind of people, safety, traffic impact to the neighborhood, etc. Cramer asked for information and assistance with his concern.

Discussion followed:

- 1) Yamashiro-Hironaka said State law (legislation) had paved the way for care homes in residential areas. Currently, more control is back to the communities as to where a care home facility can be located.
- 2) The proposed facility is located on Kahea Road, back of Kahuhipa Street, with three homes on the lot.
- 3) Yanagihara mentioned a previous controversial law exempted care homes from City ordinances, and asked Senator Hogue to explain. Senator Hogue explained there was a loophole in the previous law for a period of time. Now, it is required that community hearings be held to get a permit.
- 4) In response to Yanagihara if it is true that care homes were exempt from public hearing, the Senator replied that is an example of something falling through the cracks.
- 5) There previously was a permitting process, but the law was amended. Currently, it is assured by the Department of Health that community meetings be held.

Information for the process of securing a waiver to the City Ordinance relating to no parking on sidewalks – Resident Janice Lai was seeking information regarding the process of securing a waiver to the City ordinance relating to "no parking" on sidewalks to allow parking on sidewalks in her neighborhood on Mahalani Circle. She said her neighborhood has unimproved sidewalks. The issue came about because per a complaint to HPD, all cars in the area were given citations for illegal parking. It was mentioned the cars were parked outside of the property lines. There is no alternative parking on this street.

Discussion followed:

- 1) Yanagihara referred the matter to Lt. Robinson of HPD.
- 2) Lt. Robinson explained parking enforcement is not usually done in neighborhoods. The situation occurred because the Office of Information and Complaints and the Mayor's office received a complaint from a resident. The complaint was someone was blocking an area on that street so no one else would park in front of his or her property. This resulted in everyone parking illegally got a citation. The end result is usually everyone who got cited pays the ticket and never calls HPD again. Cars are cited when complaints are received.

- 3) Lai mentioned that many neighborhoods have partial sidewalks, and hers does not. The setback from her property is eight feet wide.
- 4) Lt. Robinson mentioned the original person called back asking that only one car be cited. He met with the Crime Reduction Unit and it was decided it would not be fair to ticket only one car when other were also illegally parked.
- 5) Yanagihara asked if these type of complaints are motivated by lack of neighborhood parking? He wanted to know if the parking law included cars, as well as boats and storage containers. The response was boats parked on the street must be attached to a vehicle. Storage containers are not allowed to park on the street. Homeowners enclosing their garages to use as another room, and parking their cars on the street creates some parking situations. Lt. Robinson pointed out as it currently stands the ordinance would not be changed to accommodate one particular neighborhood. Citations will continue to be issued if HPD receives complaints.
- 6) In response to a resident as to why not every car was issued a citation, Lt. Robinson replied that the officer was called away on another emergency.
- 7) Yanagihara suggested contacting Councilmember Barbara Marshall's aide Venus Acoba (who was in attendance) to assist with addressing the issue.
- 8) Lai commented that it was not fair that a WWII veteran got cited.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were no community announcements.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY REPORTS:

Honolulu Police Department: Lt. Robinson gave the following report:

- 1) Property crime statistics for the month of April included burglary 19, other property thefts 42, theft from vehicles (UEMV) 19, robbery 4, and auto/motorcycle theft 19.
- 2) Uniform crime statistics compared to March included murder/manslaughter 0/0, sex assault 6/2, robbery 8/2, aggravated assault 4/1, burglary 71/59, theft 147/143, UEMV 86/94, auto theft 37/40.
- 3) Graffiti arrests were 6. On April 28, 2 kids and 1 adult were arrested for graffiti at Castle High School.

Lt. Robinson was thanked for attending the meeting.

Honolulu Fire Department: Captain Methered reported the following:

Statistics for the month of April included fires- structure 1, brush 0, rubbish 1, vehicle 3, investigate 41; medical – 30 EMS/38 assists; search/rescue 1, hazardous conditions 2, and 9 miscellaneous responses.

Fire Safety Tip – Prepare a fire escape plan. Map out your escape routes with a least two ways out of each room. Designate a location outside of the house where everyone can meet. Know where the closest phone is located to call 911.

Questions, answers and comments:

- 1) Introduced his crew who were in attendance this evening.
- 2) Karasaki asked if would be more convenient if the HFD report were moved up on the agenda before community input. Captain Methered replied yes. The reason is the crew is on duty and the sooner the report is given the soon they can return to the station for emergency calls. He mentioned it was previously requested and the agenda was changed one time. Yanagihara noted the matter has been pointed out since 1997. It was mentioned that a memo was previously sent out by the City regarding requesting HFD and HPD to report first since both are on duty.

Captain Methered and crew were thanked for attending the meeting.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii - No representative was present.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS:

Mayor's Representative – Lester Chang was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Neighborhood Assistant Frank read the following response from a previously asked question.

Regarding the electronic sign blocked by trees in the median near St. Marks Lutheran Church on Kamehameha Highway, the Department of Parks and Recreation will make an assessment of the trees in question and report back to the Board.

Councilmember Barbara Marshall – Venus Acoba distributed the monthly written report and a flier with the schedule for the next 3 Talk meetings. She reported the following:

- 1) On May 3 the Planning Commission recommended approval of the request of Kamehameha Schools to rezone a parcel in Haiku Village from preservation to residential with the stated intent of putting up a portable classrooms to serve as a day care center. The recommendation will go to Council Zoning Committee, which Councilmember Barbara Marshall chairs. All residents are encouraged to give input relative to this matter.
- 2) The Energy Committee meeting has been cancelled.
- 3) Attached with the written report is a list of streets scheduled for repair by the Department of Facility Maintenance.
- 4) Everyone is invited to join Councilmember Marshall and her staff at the next 3 Talk meeting, scheduled for June 20th at the Kaneohe Community and Senior Center.

Questions, answers and comments:

Sabas asked when would the hearing for the Kamehameha Schools rezoning request be held. Acoba explained thirty days from May 3, 2006. Acoba will inform Sabas (Board representative for Subdistrict 3) when the hearing would be scheduled.

Venus Acoba was thanked for attending the meeting.

Governor's Representative – Katherine Thomason reported the following:

The following were distributed: Governor Lingle's Update, a flier on the 3rd Annual International Women's Leadership Conference, a press release about the temporary homeless housing in Kaka'ako, and the Click It or Ticket flyer.

- 1) Thomason has arranged with Scott Ishikawa, of the State Department of Transportation, to provide her with a monthly Department of Transportation (DOT) report each month. She gave the following DOT update:
 - o Kamehameha Highway resurfacing from Castle Junction to the State Veterans Cemetery. Due to the asphalt shortage, the project would probably resume in early June. About a third of the project has been completed. When the new shipment of asphalt arrives the contractor will repave large potholes along the H-3 Freeway to Kamehameha Highway, Kaneohe bound.
 - o Kalaniana'ole Highway resurfacing from Castle Junction to Castle Medical Center. Upon completion the crew will finish restriping work along the newly paved portion of the highway.
 - o Likeliike Highway resurfacing from the Wilson Tunnels to Kamehameha Highway. Upon completion of the Wilson Tunnels renovations, the rest of Likeliike Highway to Kamehameha Highway will be repaved.
 - o The Click It or Ticket It campaign will run May 15 through June 3, 2006. The fine for those caught without wearing a seat belt is \$92.00.

Questions, answers and comments:

Flanigan asked if the homeless phrase "Next Step" is a realistic goal. Thomason explained it is a combined project with HCDCH and the State. The shelter is temporary, not for long term living arrangements. Most of the people there are families. An updated report would be given at the next meeting.

Katherine Thomason was thanked for attending the meeting.

Congressman Ed Case – Lianne Asakawa circulated Congressman Case's written report and highlighted/added the following:

- 1) Congressman Ed Case says House passage of \$7.4 billion port security bill will help guard against terrorism at seaports and protect Hawaii's economy. He co-sponsored the bipartisan bill to fill homeland security holes.
- 2) The Congressman has begun podcasting on the Internet to provide listeners with another means to hear his comments on issues facing Congress.
- 3) Echo Imai of Castle High School captured second place in the Congressman's congressional art contest.

Lianne Asakawa was thanked for attending the meeting.

Senator Bob Hogue – Senator Bob Hogue circulated his written report listing major bills that passed the State Legislature. Results of his survey indicate that one of the priorities of constituents is to fix the schools. Today Governor Lingle released \$35 million for school repairs. Area schools on the repair list are Benjamin Parker Elementary, Kaneohe Elementary, Heeia Elementary, Castle High, Kapunahala Elementary.

Questions, answers and comments:

Morita asked if he received complaints relative to the beverage container deposit law accessing one cent to the Department of Health. Senator Hogue replied he agrees. At this year's legislative session they were unable to repeal the bill. He is adamantly against the 1.5-cent increase because the program could be run on unreturned bottles. A resolution from the Board on the matter makes a huge impact.

Senator Clayton Hee – No representative present.

Representative Ken Ito – No representative present.

Representative Pono Chong – No representative present.

COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS:

Hawaii Pacific University (HPU)– Jessica McDunn of Hawaii Pacific University reported the following:

Summer Sessions: May 15-June 30; June 5-August 23; June 13 – July 28; and July 3 – August 23.

- 1) HPU Large Coed Cheer Team won its fourth consecutive national title at the NCA competition in April. The HPU Small Coed Cheer Team (no more than 4 male members) won its second straight national title. The HPU Cheerleading Stunt Group won its second title in a row. The HPU Dance Team won a national title.
- 2) HPU graduated its largest class ever of 750 students last night, including 100 nursing students.
- 3) Events: 1) MSIS for Professionals Information Session 5:30 p.m. on May 23. b) Master of Education Information Session, May 24 at 5:30 p.m. c) Weekend MBA Reception, May 25, 6:00 p.m. For more information call 544-1135 or log on to graduate@hpu.edu.

Jessica McDunn was thanked for attending the meeting.

Hope Chapel – No representative was present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Kaneohe Nazarene Church Building Permit - None

NEW BUSINESS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ❖ The next Agenda Planning and Committees' Meeting will be held on June 6, 2006, at the Kaneohe Community and Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ Next Regular Meeting will take place at the Windward Community College, Akoakoa Room on Thursday, June 15, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNEMENT: There being no further business, Chair Zdvoracek adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Submitted by,
Nola J. Frank, Neighborhood Assistant
Reviewed by,
Chair Larry Zdvoracek & Secretary Patty Yamashiro-Hironaka